



# Burr Ridge Briefs

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## Village Copes with Declining Revenues, Tight Budget

The Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget is currently under review by the Village Board of Trustees. The \$13.4 million balanced budget again reflects lean times and, for the fourth year in a row, projects a decline in some of the Village's largest revenue sources and lower spending. "It was anticipated that the recent downturn in the economy had reached bottom last fiscal year and that it would improve significantly in Fiscal Year 04-05," said Steve Stricker, Village Administrator. However, "this was not the case and revenues for the fourth year in a row remain flat." These, and various other factors, are pressuring municipalities to find new sources of revenue or face serious budget cuts in future years.

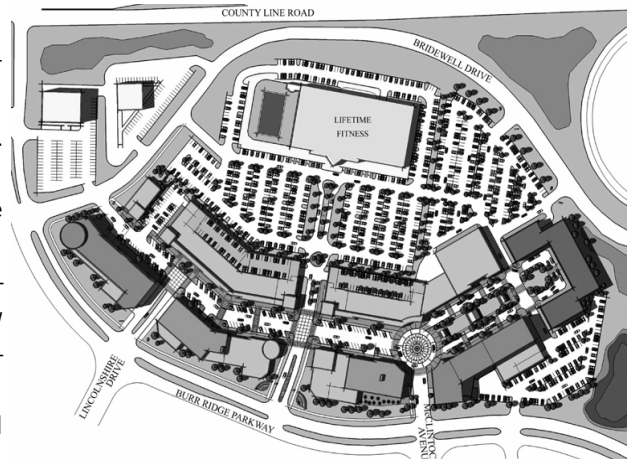
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nues remain flat.

Sales tax revenue, for example, comprises 40.9% of all revenues collected in the General Fund. This is the largest source of revenue for the Village, but is considered "elastic" revenue, expanding and contracting with the health of the economy. The projected sales tax revenue for Fiscal Year 05-06 is \$1,909,210, down \$107,820 (5.3%) from FY 04-05.

Staff has proposed a Special Census to capture additional revenue generated by additional population. Although it will cost approximately \$180,000 to conduct the census, spread over two fiscal years, it will result in additional revenue of \$154,621 each year. (Cont'd on pg. 2)

## Town Center Goes to Board for Consideration

It is expected that the Board of Trustees will grant preliminary approval for the Town Center Development at its regular meeting, Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. After several public hearings and opportunities for public comment, the decision to change the vision of the Corporate Park and amend the Comprehensive Plan is being carefully weighed. Following a 3-2 Plan Commission vote in favor of the development, the Board unanimously directed Staff to prepare the necessary ordinances and agreements for the development to proceed.



Opus North has proposed a mixed use Town Center adjacent to the Lifetime Fitness facility, featuring an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and dining establishments along a main street. A departure from traditional strip malls and shopping centers, the project is designed to create a sense of place and public space for special events. The 278,000 square foot development will include 191,000 square feet of retail, 25,000 square feet of restaurants, 33,000 square feet of office space and 179 condominium units.

Increased traffic generated by the proposed development will require significant traffic improvements including the widening and lane reconfigurations of some streets, installation of a traffic signal at Burr Ridge Parkway and Bridewell Drive, and the extension of 71<sup>st</sup> Street to Wolf Road. The Final PUD process will take place this summer before construction can begin.

## News in Brief

### Local Election April 5th

Municipal elections will take place Tuesday, April 5th, from 6 AM to 7 PM. Anyone can check their registration status and polling place by visiting [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com) for DuPage County residents and [www.voterinfo.net](http://www.voterinfo.net) for Cook County residents.

Running for Village President is incumbent Jo V. Irmen and challenger, Trustee Gary Grasso. Running unopposed for Village Clerk is incumbent Karen Thomas. Three Trustee positions are up for election. The candidates are incumbent Trustee Robert Sodikoff, Plan Commissioner Maureen Wott and Plan Commission Chairman Bob Grela.

### Oasis Perimeter Lights to be Shielded

Village staff continues to work with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) to reduce the spillover of light from the recently remodeled Hinsdale Oasis. An agreement has recently been reached between the ISTHA and its developer, Wilton Partners, to shield the perimeter lights with hoods in order to direct the light downward. The Village is still pursuing hoods for lights under the gas station canopy and has asked the ISTHA to continue working with Wilton to resolve this matter.

### Know the Code

**Building Permits Required:** Building permits are required for additions, fences, pools, gazebos, decks, generators and driveways. A permit is not required to re-roof or add a second roof layer. If you have questions about permit requirements call the Building Department at 654-8181.

**Report Construction Site Problems:** Construction on the outside of any enclosed structure or anywhere on any structure not completely enclosed is permitted Monday through Friday 7 AM to 7 PM and Saturday through Sunday 8 AM to 5 PM. If construction occurs outside those hours please call the Police Department so they can investigate the situation immediately. Other construction site maintenance problems include keeping the streets free of mud and the site free of excess debris, maintaining silt and wood construction fencing, a dumpster and port-a-pot. Report problems to the Engineering Department at 654-8181, ext. 4. Please list an after-hours number where you can be reached.

**Keep Weeds Under Control:** Anyone who owns a vacant lot in the Village must keep weeds out and grass cut. Per Village Code, staff will send a certified letter notifying the owner of weed problems or grass that exceeds 6 inches in height, constituting a nuisance. After 7 days, if the nuisance has not been addressed, the Village will send a local service to cut the grass and the property owner will be billed.

### Budget (continued from page 1)

In the proposed budget, the property tax abatement used to pay the principal and interest on the 1996 G.O. Bond Issue for the Bedford Park water main project has been eliminated due to a lack of surplus funds. However, higher property values and the recent refinancing of the bond will result in a negligible increase in property taxes.

Sufficient funds currently exist to complete the 2005 Road Program and continue with phase two of the GIS and Public Works Facility Renovation. The proposed budget also includes completion of the 91st Street pathway from Fallingwater to Devon Ridge subdivision, as well as extension of the Plainfield Road sidewalk, and the 87th Street water main. Finally, for the first time, \$123,460 has been budgeted in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for a Hotel Marketing Plan. A subcommittee will advise the Economic Development Committee and ultimately the Village Board on this new initiative to make Burr Ridge hotels more competitive.

The Village's Fiscal Year runs May 1 to April 30. A public hearing is scheduled for April 11th at 7:30 PM.

### Veterans Memorial Design Revised

The design of the Veterans' Memorial has been revised (*at right*) to allow for more competitive bidding on materials and labor. While the budget for the project, \$270,000, remains unchanged, it is hoped



that this new design will allow the Committee more flexibility. The revised design will continue to represent the five branches of military service, however, the pillars will be taller, thinner, and feature a crest from each branch at the top. The center of the memorial, once a solid granite pillar, will now feature a small dome held up by five pillars.

Approximately \$57,000 has been raised, partly from the sale of 217 brick pavers. The bricks, which cost \$100 each, will feature a veteran's name, unit and/or branch of service and the dates of service. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick can contact Corporal Tim Vaclav at 654-8181, ext. 309, or visit the Form's page on the Village's web site ([www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov)) for a downloadable brochure.

### Crown Recycling Announces New Web Site

Crown Recycling and Waste Services announced that the updated, expanded version of their web site is now available online at [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com). Customers can now pay bills online.

## Public Works in Brief

### Public Works Phase I Renovation Update

The first phase of the three-year, three-phase Public Works facility renovation is nearly complete. Interior office space has been remodeled, creating a more efficient and effective work area. Phases II and III have been swapped, with exterior site improvements and roof removal and replacement moved up to Phase II. The repair/remodeling of the warehouse area, concrete floor and vehicle area, as well as mechanic bay improvements, have been moved back to Phase III. The overall budget for the project is \$811,000, split equally between the General, Water and Sewer Funds.

### 2005 Road Program Preview

The 2005 Road Program will include the thin lift application for Fars Cove, Lincolnshire Drive and McClintock Drive in the Burr Ridge Corporate Park, as well as Manor Drive, St. James Court and Brighton Place in the Heatherfields Subdivision. It will also include the milling and resurfacing of 81<sup>st</sup> Street, 81<sup>st</sup> Court and Woodview Road, the reconstruction/resurfacing of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from County Line Road to North Frontage Road, Garfield Avenue from 91<sup>st</sup> Street to Rustic Acres, and Grant Street from 89<sup>th</sup> Street to the end of the road. The total cost of the program is \$891,868.

### Spring Tree Planting Includes 70 Trees

The Public Works Department will be planting 70 trees throughout the Village this spring. The total project cost, split between fall and spring plantings, is \$20,000.

### Spring Brush Chipping Program

Residential brush chipping will begin Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> north of 79<sup>th</sup> Street and April 25<sup>th</sup> south of 79<sup>th</sup> Street. Branches must NOT be placed in the parkway until three weekends before the chipping program begins for your area. Branches must be in the parkway by NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM on the first day of pickup for your area. Please remember that:

- Brush chipping is limited to two hours per property. When chipping takes longer, there will be a \$50/hour charge. A branch pile not exceeding 200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 5 feet high (or 12,000 cubic feet in size) can be chipped in two hours.
- Only branches will be accepted and must not exceed four inches in diameter.
- Branches must be stacked neatly on the parkway with all stem/butt ends toward the street.
- Branches must not be tied with string, wire, etc., and must be free of wire, staples, nails or metal of any kind.
- Branches removed by contractors will not be accepted. The program is intended to assist residents who perform their own work.

### Sprinkling Restrictions Begin May 15th

Sprinkling north of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street is allowed Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 AM to 12 PM and 6 PM to 12 AM. Sprinkling south of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street is allowed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same hours. Restrictions are in effect May 15th through September 15th.

## Police Briefs

### Child Safety Seats

Improper installation of child safety seats is a common and dangerous problem. Protect your children by scheduling an inspection or free installation. Call Officer Angie Zuccherro, a Certified Car Seat Technician, at 654-8181, ext. 322 to schedule an appointment. Also, be sure you're following the laws established in the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act or face penalties. The ICPPA requires that anyone who transports children in non-commercial vehicles must do so in the following manner:

- Children under 8 must be secured in a safety seat that use the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt. Children between 8 and 16 must be secured with a safety belt anywhere in the car.
- Children weighing 40+ pounds may sit in the back seat while wearing a lap belt if it isn't equipped with a lap and shoulder belt.
- Parents/guardians of children under the age of 8 are responsible for providing a child safety seat to anyone who transports their child.

### Citizens Police Academy

Recruiting is now underway for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The next session begins Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The sessions last 3 hours and run for ten weeks. For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 654-8181, ext. 322 or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application.

### Safety Talk and Tour Available

Stranger danger, ID theft and over-the-phone scams are safety topics discussed in recent presentations by Officer Angie Zuccherro of the Burr Ridge Police Department. Officer Zuccherro has provided Safety Talks and Tours to Senior Citizen organizations, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops throughout the area. If there is a topic relevant to your organization, schedule a Safety Talk and Tour by contacting Officer Zuccherro at 654-8181, ext. 322.





## News in Brief

### Cook County Plans Road Construction

The Cook County Highway Department will be resurfacing 79<sup>th</sup> Street and German Church Road from County Line to Willow Springs Road, and Wolf Road from Joliet Road to 87<sup>th</sup> Street. Work is expected to begin in the spring as weather permits. Also, 79<sup>th</sup> Street will have asphalt shoulders rebuilt from Burr Oak Lane to Willow Springs Road. The existing bridges over Flagg Creek on German Church and Wolf Roads will be repaired. Existing guardrail will be evaluated and replaced as needed. A new retaining wall will be built at the culvert crossing 77<sup>th</sup> and Wolf Road, and the intersection of German Church Road and Wolf Road will be modified slightly to accommodate a traffic signal in the future.

### Grant Received for 83rd St. Improvements

Thanks to the efforts of Public Works Staff, the Village received a \$384,000 grant for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Street Road Improvement Project. The project includes resurfacing 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from South Frontage Road (Route 83) to Fars Cove, reconstruction of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from Fars Cove to County Line Road, adding left turn lanes to 83<sup>rd</sup> Street at South Frontage, Madison and County Line Road, widening the street to the Village standard and the installation of curb and gutter. The funds are available through the federal Surface Transportation Program by way of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and will fund 70% of the project. The remaining 30% (\$164,000) will be paid by the Village.

### Help Wanted: Recording Secretary

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee needs a volunteer recording secretary at their monthly meetings. The Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the Village Hall conference room. Duties include agenda writing and preparation one week prior to the meetings, taking minutes and providing copies to the Village Clerk and Committee Chairman, producing correspondence and/or reports as needed by the Committee or Chairman, and assisting the Committee with its administrative functions. Anyone interested should contact Corporal Tim Vaclav at (630) 654-8181, extension 309.

### Volunteers Needed for Boards, Commissions

Residents interested in volunteering for a Village advisory board, committee or commission should call, write, or stop by Village Hall to obtain a Volunteer Questionnaire. It is also available on the Forms page of the Village's web site ([www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov)). More information about each Board and Commission can also be obtained at the Village Hall.

### Police Department to Host Open House

Residents are invited to the Burr Ridge Police Department Open House Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Burr Ridge Village Hall.

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 14 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 23 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 28 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM

### April

- 3 Daylight Savings Begins
- 4 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 5 Police Pension Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5 Election Day - Polls open 6 AM to 7 PM
- 11 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 13 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 13 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 18 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Brush Chipping Begins North of 79<sup>th</sup> Street
- 25 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 25 Brush Chipping Begins South of 79<sup>th</sup> Street
- 27 Veterans' Memorial Committee 5:30 PM

### May

- 2 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11 Veterans' Memorial Committee 5:30 PM
- 11 Board of Fire & Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 12 Pathway Commission 7:30 PM
- 15 Sprinkling Restrictions Begin
- 16 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 17 Economic Development Committee 7:30 PM
- 19 Stormwater Management Committee 7:30 PM
- 23 Village Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- 25 Veterans' Memorial Committee 5:30 PM
- 25 Environmental Quality Commission 7:30 PM
- 30 Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed

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### County Line Road Restoration

Final grading and landscaping along County Line Road will be complete in the Spring. In 2004, County Line Road was completely reconstructed and a sidewalk was installed from the Village Hall to Ashton Drive. 100 trees will be planted by the Cook County Highway Department. The Village will spend an additional \$50,000 for restoration, \$30,000 of which will be reimbursed by the County.